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Inoperative EPF Accounts
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the criteria adopted for classifying an EPF account as inoperative;
(b)the total number of inoperative EPF accounts as on date and the total value of money deposited in these accounts;
(c)whether annual interest for the money in these accounts is credited
regularly and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(d)the action taken/being taken to pay the due amount to the eligible persons; and
(e)whether there is any provision for the employees to withdraw from PF account in any part of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): The provision of inoperative accounts are mentioned in paragraph 72(6) of the Employees' Provident Funds (EPF) Scheme, 1952. An account becomes inoperative in following cases:-
(i) In case, any amount becoming due to a member as a result of supplementary contribution from the employer in respect of leave wages/arrears of pay, installment of arrear contribution received in respect of a member whose claim has been settled on account but which could not be remitted for want of latest address.
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(ii) In case of accumulation in respect of any member who has either retired from service after attaining age of fifty-five years or migrated abroad permanently or died, but no application for withdrawal under paragraphs 69 or 70, as the case may be, has been preferred within a period of thirty six months from the date it becomes payable.

(iii) In case if any amount remitted to a person, is received back undelivered, and it is not claimed again within a period of 36 months from the date it becomes payable.

In all above cases the amount shall be transferred to an account to be called the Inoperative Account.

(b): As on 31.03.2016, a sum of Rs. 40,865.14 crore in 9,29,89,648 accounts had been classified as inoperative accounts.

(c): As per paragraph 60(6) of the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952, interest shall not be credited to the account of a member from the date on which it has become Inoperative Account, under the provisions of sub-paragraph (6) of paragraph 72.

(d): The following actions have been taken by Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) to pay the due amount to the eligible persons :

(i) A portal namely 'Inoperative Accounts Online Help Desk' to assist the members to identify their inoperative accounts has been launched.

(ii) Allotted Universal Account Numbers (UAN) to identify the members without intermediation of the employers.

(iii) Awareness campaigns have been undertaken through electronic as well as print media from time to time to educate the members to transfer or withdraw their Provident Fund (PF) accumulations.

(e): For withdrawal, the member is required to submit his claim form to the office of EPFO where his account is maintained.
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